

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 30 are presently pending in this application. By this amendment several of the claims have been amended to correct the misspelling of “server” as noted by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Meadows (6,716,101) in view of Lim (6,259,923). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Meadows relates to a system for locating individuals using a wireless network (cell phone) and the internet. Specifically, Meadows determines the geographical location of the user by either proximity to cell tower or GPS. The location information is then sent via the cellular network to a Geographical Location Database [16] that is, in turn, coupled to an HTTP Server 16. A person logging onto this HTTP server can then look up the user in the Database 16 and thereby learn his or her location. Notably, the communication of user information is routed from mobile device via cellular link to the database and HTTP server; and then from the HTTP server via TCP/IP link to the website where the information is displayed. At no time is a selective decision made to choose between: (a) a data burst message delivery scheme and (b) a TCP/IP delivery scheme.

Lim describes a method for providing cell location service in which the mobile station communicates with the short message service center (SMSC) [102] using a data burst message; the SMSC then communicates with the cell location center (CLC) 101 using TCP/IP. Again, at no time is a selective decision made to choose between: (a) a data burst message delivery scheme and (b) a TCP/IP delivery scheme.

The Applicants' invention employs a decision mechanism that selectively chooses between two forms of information delivery (a) a data burst message delivery scheme and (b) a TCP/IP delivery scheme. As explained in the applicants' specification, each scheme has its own advantages. The applicants system will selectively decide at the time of authentication which scheme to use.

While the art cited by the Examiner generally relate to location services, and also discuss data burst message and TCP/IP, these references do not teach or discuss Applicants' system whereby a selective decision is made to use either data burst or TCP/IP. By way of illustrating the distinction, Figures A and B below illustrate how location information is delivered using the prior art; and Figure C illustrates how location information is delivered using the Applicants' system.

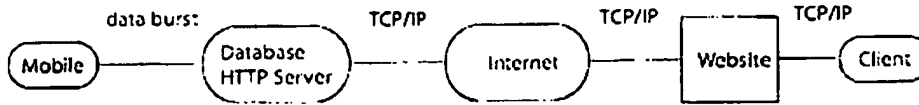


Fig A



Fig B

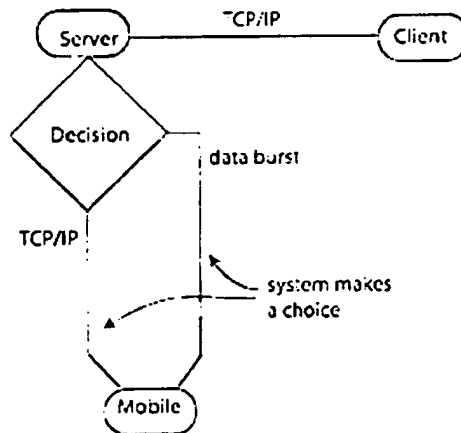


Fig C

In view of this difference in the information delivery technique made possible by applicants' system, it is respectfully submitted that the claims fully distinguish applicants' system from the prior art. In claim 1, for example, not only is the decision step recited ("deciding to select a method among a DBM-based method and a TCP/IP-based method") but also recited are the processing steps that are performed "in case of a TCP/IP-based method being selected" and "in case of a DBM-based method being selected." Independent claim 16 has similar language.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art references do not make this recited selection, nor do they operate as recited based on such selection.

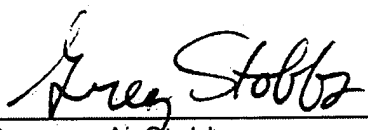
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance without requiring further amendment.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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